

A Booke Decla

ring the fearfull Alexas-
sion, of one Alexander

Rynde. Beyng moſte

Horrible tormented

wyth an euill

Spirit.

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At Lieringswell in Suff,

The .xx. daye of Januarie. In the

xb. yere of the Reigne of our

moste gracions Queene

Elyzabethe. .cc.



He first fit and veracion, of Alexander Pinge, began the day and yere aboue saide, about .vii. of the clocke at night. His Father, Mother, and Brothers, with the residue of the housholde being present: his chest and bodie swellinge, with his eyes staring, & his backe bendinge inward to his bellie: wher at the beholders had meruell at the first, yet one of his brothers named Edward Pynge Master of Art, being bolder then other of the companie certaiuely perswadyng him selfe that it was some euill Spirit that so molested hi, comforted him with mercifull wordes of the holye scripturres, and also charged the Spirit by the death and Passion of Ihesus Christ, that it should declare the cause of that torment. Wher at the countenance of the

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same Alexander tourned moze straung and
fearfull then it was besoze: & so retourned
to his former state againe. When Alexan-
der Pindge hauing his speache at lybertie,
said vnto the same Edward, brother hee is
marueilous afrayd of you therfoze I praye
you stande by mee: with which wordes the
same Edward was the moze bolde, and said
to Alexander, if thou doest earnestlie repēt
thee of thy sinnes and praye to God for the
forgiuenes of the same, (my life for thyne)
the Denill can not hurt thee, no rather thē
hee should I will go to Hell with thee, then
the Spirit Racked the saide Alexander moze
cruelly for a small time. Then they ca-
ried the same Alexander downe the chaum-
ber willing him to cawle to God for grace,
and earnestly repent him, and onely to put
his trust in Ihesus Christ. And then wee
sette him in a Chaire desirynge his father to
sende for all his neighbours to helpe to pray
for him. the Spirit then againe veyng him
monstroulie transfor ming his body pluck-
yng his mouth a wype, mouing him by voy-
lence out of the Chayer, then the saide Ed-
warde, with one Thomas Wakefeelde,
layde

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layde hands on Alexander and helde him in the Chayze, all that were in the house prayng earnestly. And then the saide Edward chargng the Spirit with theſe woꝝdes.

Thou foule Feinde, I coniure thee, in the name of Ihesus our ſauyours the ſonne of almightie God that thou ſpeake vnto vs.

Wher at the Spirit tranceſozmed hym verpe owtglye agaynst his cheſt, ſwellynge bpwarde to his throte, pluckyng his belly iuſte to his backe and ſo ſeaſed a tyme.

Alexander ſpynge beyng ſomewhat reſtored, vttered theſe woꝝdes. Sirs hee will ſpeake with mee, he will ſpeake with mee, I praye you let him not ſpeake with mee, then the ſayd Edward, ſayde : wee wyll pray to God that hee may not ſpeake with you, wherupon all that were preſent, dyd praiſe earneſtly, wher at the Spirit begane to vex him moſt ruſully, and ſwelled ſore in the cheſt, here at, & then vttered in a baſe ſoundnige or hollowe voyce theſe woꝝdes I woll I woll I woll, then the ſaide Edward ſaide thou ſhalt not, and I charg thee in the name of Ihesus Chriſt, that thou ſpeake vnto vs & not vnto him, then the Spirit ſaid in

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a hollow voyce, why didst thou tell the, why
dost thou tell them, then the sayd Edward
did charge the Spirit. At suppa. To tell vs
the cause of his cominge, and why he did
tozmet his bzother, to the which the Spirit
answered, I come for his soule, then the said
Edward saide vnto the Spirit, we haue a
warrant in the Holy Scripture, that such
as do earnestly repent them of their sinnes,
and tozne vnto God with thonly hope of
Saluacion, thoze we the merits of Ihesus
Christ, thou maist not haue them for Christ
is his redemer, the the Spirit vitered soun-
ding in a Base, hollow voice these wordes.
Christ that was my redemer, the Edward
saide, Christ that is his redemer, not thy
redemer, but my bzother Alexander hys
redemer, then the Spirit saide in his hollow
voice, I will haue his soule and body to, and
so begane to racke the same Alexander, and
disfigure moze horribly, then he did before
e hened y same Alexander from the ground
by force inuycible, the said Edward Pindg,
Thomas Pindge, Thomas Wakefild, Tho-
mas Goldsmith, William Pyles, and
William Pyndge, Junier, hangyng vpon
the same

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same Alexander vnto the midst of h^e house
and the saide Edward putting his mouth to
the ear, of the said disfigured body of his b^ro
ther Alexander, saide b^rother, continue in
your faith and if ye goe to hell we will goe
with you, then the force dyd somewhat fayle
and the hangers on, bzew him to the chaier
agai, thē one of his yonger b^rothers named
William Pindge, said we will kepe hi from
the thou soule Spirit, in dispit of thy noace,
wherat the transfozmed bodye, looked very
terribly against the said William, & tozned
his most ougly lookes vnto his b^rother Ed-
ward standinge on thother side, vtteringe
these hollow soundinge woordes, will you sir
will you sir, wherunto the saide Edwards
answered, not I sir but the merits of Iesus
Ch^rist will, and him we earnestly praye to
kepe him from thee, then all that were ther
p^resent, to the number of .xx. persons and
moe, fell doune and saide the L^odes praier
with other sentences euery one seuerally &
one of the company vttered woordes Joining
God & the blessed Virgin Mary together,
whom the said Edward rebuked, and sayde
ye offende God, wherat there came a voyce
much

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much like Alexanders voice saienge there
be other good prayers, his, therunto þe said
Edward made answere and said thou lvest,
for ther is no other name vnder Heauen,
wherby we may challendg Saluacion, but
thonly name of Ihesus Christ, and then the
Spirit Roared with a ferfull voice, & stret-
ched out his necke along toward the syer, &
then the saide Edward desired Peter Ben-
cham the Curat, of the Towne to coniure
and charge hym in the name of Ihesus the
sun of Almightie, þe the Spirit should de-
clare vnto vs from whence hee came whe-
ther he would, and what was his, name to
the which þe Spirit made answer in a mum-
blinge hollowe voice, I would come out, I
would come out, then Edward charged him
At sup²a. That he should declare his name
and the Spirit said Aubon, Aubon, and then
we charged hym. At sup²a. to tell whence
hee came and the Spirit made answer in a
hollowe voice, from Ireland from Ireland
then wee layde the .iiii. Chapter of Saint
Mathew, against hym wher Christ saide it
is, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and
him only shalt thou serue, which sentēce as
it

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It was pronounced the hollow voice, sounded my Master, my Master, I am his Disciple. I am his Disciple then we answered thy Master, we grant hee is but thou liest, thou art not his Disciple, thou art onely an instrument, and scourge, to punish the wicked, so farre as him pleaseth, and then wee laide the. viii. Chapter of Saint Luke, to him, wheras Christ him selfe did cast out Devils, and the Spirit made answer in a hollow voice, balwe waue, balwe waue, & within a litle space after, the bodye of the sayde Alexander, beinge as monstrously transformed as it was before, muche lyke the picture of the Devil in a playe, with a horrible rozing voice, sounding Helhownd: was most horribly tormented, and those that were present fell to prayer, desyrynge God earnestly to take awaye the foule Spirit from hym. When the sayde Cowarde desired to haue the windowe opened, for I truste in God the foule Spirit is weary of our companie. When the windowes were opened, & within .ii. Minuts after: the tormented body returned to true shape again: the sayde Alexander leaped vp, holdynge vp

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his handes & saide, hee is gone, hee is gone,
Lorde I thanke thee. Ther at all that
weare presente prayled God excedyngely.
This fit thus ended, about .xi. of the clocke
the same nyght, and so wee went to supper
Joyfullye.

The seconde Fit beganne aboute .iiii.
of the clocke in the mornynge, the sayde A-
lexander beyng in bed, wyth great treim-
blyng, sayde I wyll go, I wyll go. Then
sayde Edward, brother call your selfe to
remembraunce, & beleue in Ihesus Chyft,
your redeemer: and take this sentence for
your defence agaynst hym, when soeuer
you see him come: thys is the sentence.
Speake for mee my sauour Iesus Chyft.
The which sentence the sayde Alexander
uttered earnestlye manye tymes, wyth a
tremblyng and fearefull looke, as though
some thyng had inuaded him, but wee sawe
nothyng but hys bellye swellynge alytle.
This Fit contynnyng halfe an houre and
more, wee tooke hym the Wyble to reade
and so hee slombzed.

The thirde Fit beganne at .vi. a clocke
in the mornynge nexte folowynge: the same
Alexander

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Alexander was meruelouſly miſſoꝝmed, & ſaide helpe me bꝛother Edward, and all you that be my frendes and pray foꝛ me, foꝛ this ſoule ſeente will come into me, whether I will oꝛ no, and therewith all the ſame Alexander, made an horrible ſpyttinge, bys belly beinge ſwelled agayne, and then hee bꝛethed foꝛ a time, and we put on bys hoſe and bꝛought him down into the houſe, wher he was ſoꝛe toꝛmented, of all his members and the voice Roꝛed exceedingly, but wee ſawe nothinge, and Edward ſayde to hym in his eare with a loude voice, ſtand to your trewe repentance bꝛother, and your pꝛoſeſſed hope of ſaluacion, whyche you declared yeſternight and then vndoughtedly God will deliuer you, and therewith the left eare at the whiche the ſayde Edward ſpake ſo vehemently was ſuddaynly wꝛympled like a clunge Walnut which falleth frō the tree oꝛ it be rype, with the which ſight the ſame Edward beyngamaſed, called the Curate of the towne, and deſered hym to take the Byble, and to turne to the place in ſcripture wheare Chꝛyſte gaue aucthoꝛitye to his minyſters, and wyllynge hym to reade

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and vse that aucthoritie, for the loosynge
of the same care whiche was so wrympled
together. The same Edwards goynge to
the right care, and there at vttered many
sentences of consolacion vnto his brother,
beyng in a Mynstrouse and Horrible vex-
acion. And then diuers of vs, did take vpon
vs to Coniure and charge the fowle
Fyende as in the fyrste sorte, that was, we
Coniure thee. In the name of Ihesus
Christ our saueur, the sonne of the almighty
God: that hee shoulde departe, and no
longer torment the sayde Alexander. And
within a while after the saide Alexander
stoode vpp and sayde, hee is gone, hee is
gone. Then wee tooke the saide Alexander
and caried him to his brother
Thomas Pindge his house, wher
sythens his comminge the-
ther hee hath not as yet
ben tormented which
God grant to con-
tynewe.

These thynges here declared,
were seene and done, in
the presēce of these persons,
here vnder named.

Sir Thomas Rindge.

William Rindge.

Williā Rindge. Junier.

Henry Clarence,

William Dye.

George Oldfeelde.

Thomas Wakefeelde.

Thomas Goldsmith.

William Gyles.

John Baron.

Thomas Gathercolte.

Thomas Kent.

George Richard.

Thomas Edwards.

John Meane, Alias,

Boldynge.
Ezechell Clement.
John Turner.
Wyth manye other men &
Women.

Finis. Per. J. W.







